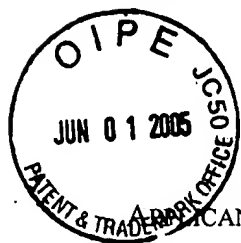


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004 and the Notice of Withdrawal From Issue mailed May 26, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this response is due on or before June 1, 2005. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 24299-519.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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